

# BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Mother Hen* by Lauren Wright Pittman

**First Sunday of Lent**  
**March 6, 2022**

**Prelude**                      *I Call To Thee, Lord Jesus Christ*                      J. S. Bach

**Ringing of the Bells**

**Introit**                                      *Kyrie Eleison*                                      A. Dvorak

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship from Psalm 32**

Leader: Let all God's people come—

**People: We will lift our voices to the Holy One.**

Leader: God says, "I will teach you the way you should go."

**People: So we will listen and follow God's way.**

**\* Hymn 81**                      *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

**Call to Confession**

**Confession**

**Holy God, we admit that we find it hard to recognise who we are, where we came from, or where we are going. We easily become caught up in selfishness, seduced by cynicism, and waylaid by consumerism.**

**Please open our eyes that we may see ourselves more clearly, and seek your way more diligently.**

**Silent Confession**

**Sung Response**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

**Sung Response**      *Jesus, Lover of My Soul (Hymn 303)*

**Jesus, lover of my soul,  
Let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll,  
While the tempest still is high:  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,  
Till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the haven guide;  
O receive my soul at last!**

**Epistle Lesson**      *Romans 10:8b-13*

“The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart”  
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

**Bell Anthem**

*Day by Day*  
Bedford Bellringers

Douglas Wagner

**Gospel Lesson**      *Luke 4:1-13*

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was

famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,'

and

'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

## **Sermon**

*Lead Us Not into Temptation*

Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

## **Offering**

**Anthem**

*Wondrous Love*

Arr. Paul Christiansen

**\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

## **“Images of God” Devotional Presentation**

Music

*Variations on “La Folia”*

M. Marais

*Kate Branch, Viola and John Lettieri, Piano*

### **Communion**

#### **Invitation to the Table**

#### **Great Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: We lift up our hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God...

#### **Breaking of the Bread**

#### **\*Communion**

*“Were You There”* African American Spiritual arr. Barbara Kinyon  
*Bedford Bellringers*

#### **Prayer after Communion and Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

#### **\* Hymn 371**

*Lift High the Cross*

#### **\*Charge and Blessing**

#### **Sung Response**

*Fourfold Amen*

John Stainer

#### **\*Postlude**

*Toccata in e*

Johann Pachelbel

**\*Please stand, if you are able.**



# Annual Congregational Meeting for 2021

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Sunday, March 6, 2022

In person, immediately following the worship service.

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## Agenda:

- Call to order and prayer
  - Introductions of Session & Deacons
    - VOTE on new Session Members
  - Year in review (CE, Mission, Faith Family)
  - Budget review
  - Review & VOTE on Carol's Terms of Call
  - Q&A
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If you would like a copy of the 2022 budget prior to the meeting, please email the church office at:  
[office@bedfordpreschurch.org](mailto:office@bedfordpreschurch.org).

**A great big thank you to the Bellringers for their performance today.**

Bing Carlson - Chris Perry - Bob Alspach - Dale Forster - Mari Hurry -  
Marcy Carlson

Kathy Perry - Julia Newton

Heidi Michaels, Director



# CARD WRITERS WANTED



The Care Team is looking for volunteers to help us write cards to reach out people in our congregation. If you would be interested in helping or in donating some blank cards please reach out to Kate Branch ([Katebranch@gmail.com](mailto:Katebranch@gmail.com)) or Rebecca Rivard ([rebeccarivard@me.com](mailto:rebeccarivard@me.com)).

We are also looking for volunteers to be a part of our Care Team. The Care Team helps keep in contact with church members, make meals for anyone in need (surgery, new baby, sickness, etc.), people in need of rides, sending care packages to college kids, etc. We would love to have a team of people so that we can easily achieve all of these tasks. Contact Rebecca Rivard at the email shown above if you are interested in joining us.

## SPIRITUALITY GROUP

DURING LENT, WE WILL CONTINUE WORKING THROUGH VARIOUS SPIRITUAL PRACTICES FROM JULIA CAMERON'S THE ARTIST'S WAY: A SPIRITUAL PATH TO HIGHER CREATIVITY.

PLEASE CONTACT COURTNEY WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

WEDNESDAYS AT 7PM VIA ZOOM  
THE ZOOM LINK FOR THE MEETING CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE.

## FLOWER DONATIONS

We have many Sundays available for Sunday flower sponsors. Please sign up no later than one week prior to the Sunday you want to sponsor to ensure that your dedication gets placed in the bulletin. Checks can be sent to the church office or you can make your secure online donation of \$50.00 on our website.

Go to our website to sign up.



**Joyful Noise will be singing with the adult choir on Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.**

## *Join the* **Bedford Bellringers**



The Bedford Bellringers have been playing together for over 60 years at BPC. The Bellringers play 3-4 times a year and rehearse on Tuesday evenings, for a few weeks prior to performances. If you are interested in playing with the bells or have any questions, please contact Heidi Michaels at [hmichaels425@gmail.com](mailto:hmichaels425@gmail.com).



# TOGETHER

## WE CAN MAKE A CHANGE

JOIN US FOR SERVICE SUNDAYS (THE 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH)!

OUR NEXT SERVICE SUNDAY IS MARCH 27TH. WE WILL GATHER TOGETHER AFTER CHURCH TO WORK ON A SERVICE PROJECT TOGETHER.



# SECOND Sunday Soup



We will be having our final Second Sunday Soup on March 13th! We are looking for volunteers to make soup. Please email Sarah Ryan to sign up.

[Sarahryan237@gmail.com](mailto:Sarahryan237@gmail.com)



Northern Westchester  
Refugee Resettlement Initiative  
[resetwestchester@gmail.com](mailto:resetwestchester@gmail.com)

We are excited that through ReSET Westchester, we are now helping two refugee families! One family of 5 (soon to be 6) and a family of 3.

We are currently looking for financial donations as well as gift cards to Acme, Target or Kohl's to help support the families. Gift cards can be dropped off at the church office or you can email Elyssa at [elyssa@bedfordpreschurch.org](mailto:elyssa@bedfordpreschurch.org) to coordinate other arrangements.

This is an ongoing mission that will need the help of many. Volunteers of all types of involvement are needed and welcomed. If you would like to volunteer email [resetwestchester@gmail.com](mailto:resetwestchester@gmail.com).

# BIBLE STUDY

Every Thursday  
10 - 11 am via zoom

Please contact Alan McDougall at [alanmcd@verizon.net](mailto:alanmcd@verizon.net) for the Zoom link.

All are welcome.





## Bulletin & Weekly E-NEWS Announcements

To sign up for our weekly E-NEWS that has live links to all of our announcements, please go to the BPC website at [bedfordpreschurch.org](http://bedfordpreschurch.org) and select either '**Contact**' at the top **or E-NEWS** just below it. To have information entered into the Bulletin and/or the E-NEWS, please email both Elyssa and Jessica by the end of the day Tuesdays for entry into that week's media.

[Elyssa@bedfordpreschurch.org](mailto:Elyssa@bedfordpreschurch.org)    [Office@bedfordpreschurch.org](mailto:Office@bedfordpreschurch.org)

### Upcoming Events at a Glance

- **Sunday, March 6th** - Sunday Worship and Communion at 10 am & Congregational Meeting at 11 am.
- **Monday, March 7th** - Yoga at 9 am.
- **Tuesday, March 8th** - Lunch with Friends at 12:30 pm & Quilting at 1 pm.
- **Wednesday, March 9th** - Spirituality Group at 7 pm.
- **Thursday, March 10th** - Bible Study at 10 am.
- **Sunday, March 13th** - Sunday Worship, Baptism at 10 am and Second Sunday Soup at 11 am.

## **Staff**

The Reverend Carol Howard Merritt, Pastor  
Courtney Steininger, Director of Christian Education & Youth  
John Lettieri, Director of Music  
Elyssa Michaels, Director of Congregational Life & Digital Ministries  
Jessica DeAlto, Office Manager  
The Reverend Thomas A. Hughart, Pastor Emeritus

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## **Our Leadership**

### **Session**

**Clerk of Session Brian Hiller-Dupont**, Linda Burpee,  
Alison Cape, **President Jeanne Collins**,  
Michelle Gosh, Alan McDougall, & Suzanne Millette  
Moderator Rev. Carol Howard Merritt

### **Deacons**

**Chair Don Hiller-Dupont**, Sarah Alley, Marcy Carlson,  
Kathy DiBiasi, Michele Eames, Pat Ferguson,  
Kim Lapple, Natasha Mast, Rebecca Rivard, & Sarah Ryan